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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

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1. [] discussed with [] a problem arising out of the fact that three instructors about to enter on duty had been turned down by Security. [] said this put them out-of-pocket. Moreover, he stated that they had amassed a fair amount of valuable material that we would like to use. We informed [] that if Security did not object, there was no reason why we could not purchase this material for a reasonable sum. However, we pointed out that the sum to be negotiated should not be based on the financial injury of the individuals for which they have no recourse but should be based on the value of the materials purchased.

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2. In connection with the legal problem involved in procuring air conditioning equipment, I called Mr. Fisher, General Counsel to the Comptroller General, and reminded him of our conversation. I said that the Director had talked personally to Congressmen Mahon and Taber and Senators O'Mahoney and Ferguson and that all had approved the proposed air conditioning. I told Mr. Fisher that we were therefore going ahead, and he said he assumed we were using unvouchered authority. I said that was correct and that we appreciate his advice and assistance. Mr. Fisher thought there should be no further questions on this point.

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